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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9008**
Tomonori KATO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1576
Serial No. 10/697,877 : Group Art Unit 1744
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Election of Species Requirement of February 1, 2006. This Requirement required election of one of Species A - N, but failed to include an indication of the species represented by Figures 43-53.

Applicants, by their undersigned representative, hereby elect the species represented by Figures 43-53, upon which claims 1-20 are readable.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected invention is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO REJECT THIS APPLICATION
FOR FAILURE TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 20-0375

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